

EASTER DRAWS NEAR

SOCIETY NOW CONCERNED WITH EVENTS SOON TO OCCUR.

COMING CONVENTION OF REGENTS.

Their Session to Follow the Unveiling of the Davis Window-Receptions and Luncheons—Dancing Class and German-Personals.

The month of April has come again—the month that is soon to witness the resurrection of ball-dresses and theatricals, as well as some of the soda fountains. The heavy rains seemed for a time to cast a shadow over spring hopes, but now,

"Along the wood's brown edge
The wind goes wandering,
To find the first pink pledge,
The hint of spring.""The withered leaves around,
She scatters every one,
And gives to wintry ground
A glimpse of sun.""And to the woodland dumb
And desolate so long,
She calls the birds to come
With happy song.""Then the arbitus! This
The pledge, the hint she sought—
The blush, the breath, the kiss—
Spring's very thought!"

The convention of the regents of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society will prove a brilliant success in every way. Important business will probably be wisely disposed of, and socially, the reception and gatherings will have unusual attractions. The interesting programme will begin with the unveiling ceremonies on Sunday, April 17th, when the beautiful window will be opened to the public in St. Paul's church, already so full of historic memories and associations. Special seats will be assigned to the regents at the church. Monday, at 11 A. M., there will be a business-meeting of members of the society at the museum. This meeting will be opened by an address of welcome by Mrs. Bryan, and Mrs. Davis, the wife of the Convenor's President, will respond to Mrs. Bryan's address. Mrs. Davis will respond as representative of the visiting regents, being honorary regent of the Confederate Museum. At this meeting many important matters will be settled, and subjects of interest to the society discussed. After the business meeting regents will inspect the museum.

Monday evening the regents and vice-regents will meet at the home of Mrs. J. Taylor Edmonson, on Franklin street, and reports will be heard from vice-regents. These will, of course, be most interesting. Later in the gathering will assume the informal and social type.

Tuesday, at 11 A. M., Judge Theodore Garnett, of Norfolk, will present a statue of President Davis to the Museum. At 6 o'clock the regents will be invited to luncheon at Laraburnum, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bryan. Tuesday evening there will be a full-dress reception at the Jefferson. Mrs. Davis and all the regents will be present. This will be the only occasion when the regents will have the opportunity to meet Mrs. Davis and the regents. Every member of the society will have the right to three tickets, which can secure from Mrs. N. V. Randolph, Sixth and Grace streets, and Mrs. Stephen Putney, Franklin and Harrison streets. Mrs. Davis, while at the Jefferson, will be the guest of Mrs. Ann Grant.

One of the events to come after the Easter anthems have been sung and the Lenten season closed is the "calendar social," to take place at the beautiful home of Mrs. Dr. Taber, on the 19th of April. The social is the latest thing in entertaining, and very pleasant, as all who have had it privately attest, among such families. A number of Richmond's lovely young girls are busy preparing their costumes for the occasion, and a lady versed in musical matters has arranged a musical programme that is sure to add largely to the pleasure of all the guests.

The object of the calendar social is the aiding of the Homoeopathic Free Dispensary, of which Miss Bodeker is president. The dispensary last year acted the part of the Good Samaritan to 4,000 poor men, women, and children. During the present year the doors of the dispensary are every day surrounded by groups of sick women, babies that have hardly the energy to cry, and so on. Besides giving medicine to all who need it, the institution has a corps of physicians who prescribe for and look after all the poor patients reporting there, and all for love—not money. Some of the doctors are Dr. Williams, Dr. C. W. Dr. Stone, Dr. St. John, and Dr. Taber. The ladies who have the entertainment in charge are Messrs. Charles Meredith, Dr. McRae, Dr. Taber, Ben. Crump, Charles Hunter, Walford, Swain, Cottrell, Anna, Elyson, Hunday, Corey, Hughey, Charles Stacy, and Miss Helen Bennett, Miss Williams, and Miss Ruby Hoddeker, ex-officio.

There will be twelve of Richmond's most charming young ladies to serve refreshments. Their names will be given in the near future.

The Woman's Club has another signal triumph to record this week. On Friday and Saturday evenings, Mr. Hilary Belloc, lecturer for the American Society for the Extension of University Teaching, appeared before the club, and gave a lecture on the evolution of Paris, which has aroused so much interest.

Brooklyn, and other large cities. Mr. Belloc is the son of that Madam Belloc to whom George Elliott was so much attached. He is a very interesting lecturer, and charming socially, as the crowd at the club reception last week have learned.

Outside of the Current Events Class of the Woman's Club, Mrs. Cabell has a private class of young ladies, prominent in social circles here. In choosing her subject for discussion before the class she arranged for herself a gigantic task, to explain the forces at work in science, literature, and politics during the nineteenth century. Though unable to look back upon the history of the century from the distance of a hundred years, as some one has said is a necessity to observe history, Mrs. Cabell always gives her class a masterly narration of the monuments of the great nations since this century came in.

The first meeting of the dancing class at "Jefferson Hotel ball-room" Easter Monday evening promised to be a most brilliant occasion. Beautiful and prominent women, mostly young girls, and attractive men will be recognized as making up Richmond's 400, besides the presence of many strangers will add much pleasure. The programme includes "The Hairy," the old and new lancers, "Two-Step" waltz, "Berlin," and the never-to-be-forgotten "Old Virginia Reel." Professor Thillot and orchestra will furnish the music.

The ball will begin promptly at 9 o'clock, and continue until 12 o'clock. The chaperons are Mrs. David Tennant, Mrs. John Dunlop, Mrs. Alexander Cameron, Mrs. Hunter H. McGuire, Mrs. A. S. Buford, Mrs. George Ross, Mrs. Robert Morton, Mrs. O. A. Crenshaw, Mrs. Joseph A. White, Mrs. Edward Mayo, The floor managers will be Messrs. Thomas Hollings Jr., E. T. D. Myers, Frank Lavin, Jevons, Edward C. Maye, Frank A. Davenport, W. P. Mayo, Adolphus Blair, William Palmer, Walter Morton, and Bernard Peyton.

A unique entertainment, "The Red Cross Nurses' Tea," will be given on Thursday afternoon, April 14th, at 100 west Franklin street. This tea is given to increase the building fund of the Home for Incur-

ables. The future abiding-place for the incurables is now being built at the corner of Broad and Murray streets. This novel reception will be under the direction of Mrs. James B. Pack, Mrs. Flitzhugh Mayo, Mrs. Mann S. Valentine, Mrs. E. V. Valentine, Miss Churchill, and other ladies members of the board.

The hours when the reception will be open to the public will be 5 to 7 and 8 P. M.

The young ladies who will be in attendance to furnish dainty viands and to entertain the guests will wear the "Red Cross Nurses" costume (the Clara Barton), and will be the members of Mrs. Mann Valentine's "Young Ladies' Auxiliary."

The work already carried on at the temporary home has been most effective, and it is of a nature to appeal to every thinking man and woman, old or young. Any effort made by the efficient managers of the Home for Incurables will receive the patronage of our Richmond public.

The Illustration Club of Miss Lilly Logan's Studio met on Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock at the studio, on west Franklin street. At this the first meeting, plans for work were arranged and much interest was shown by members of the club. At each meeting, each meeting four members read an original article, sale or letter, and the writer must have not less than four illustrations, also original, in either pen and ink or India-ink wash work. Each article and pictures are required to be in condition for publication. The members now are Misses Daisy Hancock, Mary Dunn, Marie Archer, Kate Abernethy, Nora Houston, Rebekah Bell, Mary James, Katherine Douthat, Hal Lightfoot, Bessie White, Posie Meredith, Jennie Meade, Lucy King, Seppie DeSaurens, Louise Taylor, Ella Bruce, Nellie Woodring, Louise Price, Margaret Nolting, Jessie Cuthin, Marshall, Anna Grant, Nannie Davenport, Ethel Stephenson, Nellie Davenport, Jessie Clark, Edith Clark, Mary Berry, Mrs. Gray Grabowski, Mrs. Messeler, Mrs. Rhodes, and Mr. Jack Christian. At this first meeting of the club were drawn by lot four names for reading on Friday, April 8th.

On Tuesday, April 5th, birthday gifts can be received at the Old Dominion Hospital, near the Medical College of Virginia. The management has reason to be proud of its success. Though it had its new beginning as a thoroughly-equipped hospital of to-day, three years ago. In those three years, or rather little more than two years not including the charity work of Dr. Charles M. Shields, it is known that his loss has been to the poor 320 surgical operations have been performed, of which 120 of these cases had been charged for according to such prices as would be charged against a person in moderate circumstances, the sum would aggregate \$37,260. There were also 120 patients of medical cases, and sundry minor surgical operations. If these had been charged according to the same rate, the sum would have been \$3,611. The board for these patients, including medicine, would have amounted to \$5,082.73. This charity work has reached out to various sections of the State, and beyond it. On Tuesday it is hoped that liberal contributions will be sent in to add the committee in their noble work.

The following committee earnestly request that their friends will remember to send something to the hospital on this day: Dr. Charles E. Hatcher, Dr. Paul Hawes, George W. Latimer, W. P. Matthews, E. M. Moore, James Nelson, Kate O'Neill, James Smith, W. Jeff. Tandler, C. Y. Bargamin, T. J. Todd, John G. Boswell, George C. Cooper, Dallas Jenkins, Matthew Gilmore, J. H. Harvey, Sol Bloomberg, Ben Purcell, William Reinheimer. These ladies have chosen a most fitting season of the year for asking aid in their efforts to relieve the suffering poor. The men and women of Richmond have never yet failed to respond to such appeals.

The exhibition of sewing to be given in Richmond soon after Easter by the New York Association of Sewing Schools is the subject of widespread interest. The work is to be exhibited under the patronage of the Ladies' Guild of the Church of the Holy Trinity, and in the Masonic Temple, on Broad street, for four hours for visitors, on April 11th and 12th from 10 A. M. till 9 P. M. The exhibit will include work done in the government schools of France, Switzerland, Belgium, Japan, and Sweden, besides contributions from the London board schools and from schools all over the Union. The exhibition will be free to all.

On Wednesday Mrs. Caskie Cabell's Current Events Class was larger than usual, and the lecture full of interest to her audience. After referring to the recent launching of the Kearsarge and Kentucky and the severe storms at sea, she found her way to Spain, and spoke of the storm encountered by the Spanish fleet on its way to Spain, recalling similar difficulties of long ago. Mrs. Cabell spoke chiefly of Spain, and was listened to with most marked interest. Her style, always terse and vigorous, on this occasion was even more impressive. The literary touches were specially interesting. The lecture began with Robert Burns' beautiful poem, "They That Go Down to the Sea in Ships," and in conclusion an exquisite poem by Henry Van Dyke, "The Telling of Felix," was read, the last two lines being:

"At 99—Black Japanese Habutai, Black Taffeta, Black Surah.

At 75—Novelty Checks and Illuminated Striped Taffetas—so much used for Waists.

At \$1.25—Plain Colored Taffetas, Serpentines Brocades, and Plain Taffetas.

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